

Parental Engagement Efforts in Libby Public Schools

WHAT IS SOLID FOUNDATION?

- **Solid Foundation®** is a school-based, team process that helps: strengthen family-school connections, engage parents in children's learning, and improve student academic and social learning.
- Working with an External Partner (trained coach from the district, state, PIRC, or community group) the school adopts one of three Solid Foundation® paths.
- With Solid Foundation, the connection between parents and their children's learning is not left to chance.

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Virtual Tour Information

1. <http://education.ohio.gov/>
2. Learning Supports
3. Family and Community Engagement



How Friendly Is Your School?

Signs

- Talk to community officials to see about putting a sign on the main road to direct visitors to both schools. Also more frequent painting of “boots” to distinguish the road to Logger Territory!
- Entrance to school office needs to be pointed out.
- Signs or stickers on all doors to instruct visitors to go to front office to enter and sign in.
- Possibly get cling on stickers from alarm company to say surveillance camera in use or smile you are being watched
- Display, paint on wall, or make sign to inform parents and students what the mission statement of the school and district are.
- Identify with arrows how to get to MS, library, commons, etc
- Make sure each room has a number and name of teacher on it.
- Visitor sign-in sign.

Parking Lot

- Re-line spaces
- Have designated visitor spot(s) in front
- Paint entrance and exit on the pavement and weather proof signs
- Paint “thru lane” on pavement to indicate the lane

Other Suggestions:

- A letter to new parents that includes a map for the first day that they come to register.
- A map needs to be put in the school handbook.
- A suggestion box also needs to be developed with a specific form; would include a space for the person to sign their name if desired. The group felt this would give parents a place to vent and possibly a place for someone to listen. A person, possibly the liaison or designee, would compile the suggestions each month and submit to principal and board. They would exclude all suggestions that were inappropriate in nature.

Other Suggestions (continuation)

- The principal stated that because of this survey a few years ago, many changes had been made at the school. Some examples were the electric marquee and the sign by the street. He also said that the upgraded security has deterred the vandalism and theft at school.
- There are many positive sides of the school: front office personnel friendly on the phone and in person, polite students, building exterior well kept, and expectations of students.
- Members of the group also discussed allowing students off campus at lunch. This was the second time this year the issue was brought up.